



**URBAN FORESTRY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING**

Wednesday, January 18, 2012 - 5:30 p.m.
City Hall, 301 W. 2nd Street, Rm. 1029
Austin, Texas 78701

URBAN FORESTRY BOARD MEMBERS

Patrick Brewer, Chair
Nicholas Classen
April Rose

Tom Hayes, Vice Chair
Peggy Maceo

Ryan Fleming
Christopher Kite

AGENDA

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the Urban Forestry Board meeting of December 21, 2011.

C. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

The first 4 speakers signed up prior to the meeting being called to order will each be allowed a three-minute allotment to address their concerns regarding items not posted on the agenda.

D. ANNOUNCEMENTS

E. BRIEFINGS

1. Briefing on the proposed ordinance change regarding vegetation restrictions – LeAnn Ishcomer, Supervisor, Park Rangers
2. City Arborist Program Monthly Update: Michael Embesi – City Arborist, Planning and Review Development Department
3. Austin Energy Utility Forestry Staff Report: Ray Henning – Line Clearance Superintendent, Austin Energy

F. EXECUTIVE LIAISON'S REPORT

Urban Forestry Program Staff Briefing – Walter Passmore, Urban Forestry Program Manager

1. Communication/notification improvements for treatment or removal of protected and heritage trees
2. Sustainable Land Management inter-departmental collaboration initiative initial concept proposal and discussion
3. Inter-departmental working group for wildfire prevention update including consideration of the wildland urban interface code

G. NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

1. **Discussion and Action Item:** Discussion and possible action on the current situation regarding cemetery trees.

H. FUTURE ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

1. Briefing on the state of Hancock Golf Course transitioning when it becomes available.

I. ADJOURNMENT

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For more information on the Urban Forestry Board, please contact Walter Passmore at walter.passmore@austintexas.gov or by phone at 974-9545.